

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1777

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 1777 by replacing  
3 the title with the following:

4 "AN ACT concerning legislative member initiatives."; and  
5 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the  
6 following:

7 "Section 5. The State Finance Act is amended by adding  
8 Section 13.5 as follows:

9 (30 ILCS 105/13.5 new)

10 Sec. 13.5. Limitation on appropriations for legislative  
11 member initiatives.

12 (a) Unless it complies with this Section, a purported  
13 appropriation of State funds for a legislative member  
14 initiative is not a valid appropriation. No State funds may  
15 be expended for a legislative member initiative unless the  
16 appropriation for that legislative member initiative complies  
17 with this Section.

18 (b) Each appropriation for a legislative member  
19 initiative must be by a separate line item appropriation.  
20 That line item must fully describe the legislative member  
21 initiative, including without limitation the entity that will

1 receive the benefit of the expenditure, the purpose of the  
2 expenditure, the specific location of the project, and the  
3 Legislative District and Representative District in which the  
4 project is located. No legislative member initiative may be  
5 funded through a lump sum appropriation.

6 (c) "Legislative member initiative" means an  
7 appropriation for a grant or distribution to a specific unit  
8 of local government, specific school district, specific  
9 not-for-profit organization, or specific non-governmental  
10 entity for infrastructure improvements or operating expenses.  
11 Appropriations that are part of a statewide program and are  
12 based on generally applicable standards of eligibility are  
13 not legislative member initiatives. "Infrastructure  
14 improvements" include without limitation capital  
15 improvements, capital projects, planning, construction,  
16 reconstruction, equipment, utilities, vehicles, and all costs  
17 associated with economic development, community programs,  
18 educational programs, public health, and public safety.

19 (d) The purpose of this Section is to require full and  
20 complete disclosure during the appropriation process of State  
21 expenditures that are primarily for a specific local  
22 community within a Legislative District or Representative  
23 District. This Section shall be liberally construed to  
24 effectuate its purpose.

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
26 becoming law."